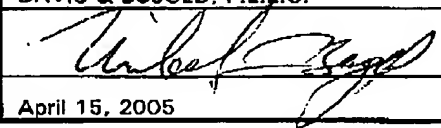
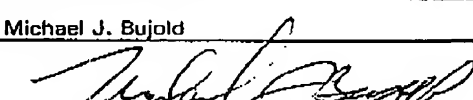


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Upon reviewing this application, it has come to the attention of the undersigned that all of the prior art which was timely and properly made of record in this case has not been substantively considered by the Examiner. Specifically, the Applicant prepared and timely filed an Addendum to the Information Disclosure Statement, along with a copy of PTO-Form 1449 and copies of the one necessary citation (a copy of the returned postcard, the submitted Statement and PTO-Form 1449 is attached, if copies of the citation is again required, please immediately contact the undersigned), under a May 4, 2004 Certificate of Mailing Date. The Examiner has not confirmed to the undersigned, by signing and returning a copy of PTO-Form 1449, that such reference was substantively considered. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner consider the same at this time.

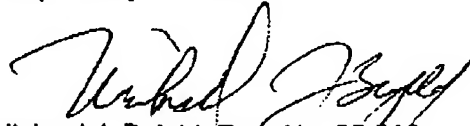
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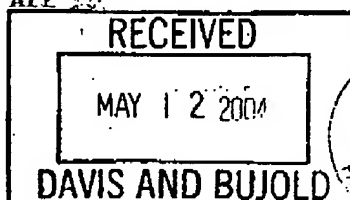
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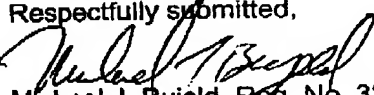
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Further to the Information Disclosure Statement mailed under an October 17, 2003 Express Mailing date, enclosed is a copy of the one (1) reference which was not previously available and indicated as "(to follow)". The concise explanation, concerning the now submitted foreign language documents, is found on page 2 of the specification of the present application.

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